

# Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs

ACIA'S MONTHLY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN STATE GOVERNMENT AND ARIZONA INDIAN COUNTRY



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## ARIZONA INDIAN NATIONS AND TRIBES LEGISLATIVE DAY DATE CHANGED TO FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2009

The Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs (ACIA) is statutorily required to host the Arizona Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day (INTLD) on the second Tuesday of the legislative session. This year that date falls on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009, which happens to be the same date as the Presidential inauguration in Washington D.C.

Anticipating the fact that many tribal leaders will be attending the inaugural festivities in Washington D.C., and based on the input of legislative staff and tribal leaders, the ACIA has moved Indian INTLD to **Wednesday, February 25, 2009**. This move will enable tribal leaders to attend this year's INTLD.

The theme for the 2009 INTLD is ***Leader to Legislature***. The focus of this day will be to build on and strengthen the relationship between tribal leaders and state legislators, the office of the Governor and state agencies. Over the past several years this relationship has continued to grow and with many new legislators and a new Governor this year it is especially important that tribal leaders attend.

This year, we are structuring the day differently in response to these governmental changes and budgetary constraints. The 2009 agenda includes a special joint session of the Arizona Legislature, an invitation only Tribal Leader-Legislator lunch, and a limited number of agency informational sessions.

This year we ***will not have vendor booths*** along 17<sup>th</sup> avenue as in previous years and there will be ***no complementary public lunch***. However, food items will be available for purchase. Watch for more information and an agenda to follow!

### ACIA HAS MOVED:

#### NEW ADDRESS:

**3030 N. Central, Ste. 1407  
Phoenix, AZ 85012**

#### NEW PHONE:

**602-287-0351  
[www.acia.gov](http://www.acia.gov)**

### ACIA is:

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**Lorie Wells,  
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### ACIA BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Lucinda Hughes-Juan—Tohono O'Odham, Chairwoman

Lucinda is an enrolled member of the Tohono O'Odham Nation. Lucinda was appointed to the Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs in 2003 and re-appointed to a second term in January 2005. Lucinda also currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Economic Development Authority of the Tohono O'Odham Nation.

Lucinda is a full-time faculty member with the Tohono O'Odham Community College. She teaches courses in business management and personal development. Lucinda has been teaching with the college since 2000. Prior to her full-time position at TOCC, Lucinda managed her own company for approximately 7 years; MLS Training and Consulting, which provided professional development consulting and training services to Native American organizations. In 1999 she added a video production component to her company which produced many training and educational videos for Native American Organizations and U.S. Government programs. Her previous work experience includes: CPS/Child Welfare Worker for Child Protective Services, Homeownership Counselor, Trainer and Program Manger under the Tribal housing programs.

Lucinda's education includes: A.A. Degree in Social work, a Bachelors degree in Business Management and an MBA in Global Business Management. She is currently a Ph.D. candidate. Her doctorate field of study is Business and Organization Management with a concentration on Leadership.

#### SPECIAL!!!

**2007-2008 Arizona Tribal/Urban Indian Community Resource Directory**  
at the reduced rate of \$10 (previously \$15)  
Contact Lorie Wells at: [Lorie.wells@azcia.gov](mailto:Lorie.wells@azcia.gov)  
Or 602-277-0351

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Native American AIDS Prevention Center in collaboration with Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS Workshops:

- January 27 and 28, 2009 –Grant Writing—Increase grant writing skills for Native health and prevention programs.
- February 10 and 11, 2009—DEBI Readiness—guidance and preparation to guide your agency to become ready to implement a effective behavioral intervention

Please contact Trudie Jackson at (602) 307-5330 ext. 2335 [tjackson@swhiv.org](mailto:tjackson@swhiv.org)

AZ Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Tribal Training Workshop - January 28th and 29th. No registration fees associated with this conference. Download the registration form <http://gocyf.az.gov/SAP/Training.asp>  
Registrations should be sent to the Governor's Office for Children, Youth & Families-Division for Substance Abuse Policy by email to [tribalDEC@az.gov](mailto:tribalDEC@az.gov) or by fax at 602-542-3643.

DHHS, Administration for Children and Families, Administration for Native Americans: Native Language Preservation and Maintenance Assessment Grant - Deadline: March 11, 2009

Contact: Tim Chappelle at [tim.chappelle@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:tim.chappelle@acf.hhs.gov)  
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2009-ACF-ANA-NL-0038.html>

13th Annual Heard Museum Guild Library Book Sale & Treasure Market in Phoenix, January 24 & 25, 2009  
19th Annual Heard Museum World Championship Hoop Dance Contest in Phoenix, February 7 & 8, 2009  
51st Annual Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair & Market in Phoenix, March 7 & 8, 2009  
Southwest Indian Art Fair at Arizona State Museum in Tucson, AZ, February 21-22, 2009